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Date

Building Name: Treasure Chest  
Public/Private Access

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Treasure Chest

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

20 N. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Worcester

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William H. and Martha R. Freeman

Telephone #: 641-0333

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R-4 Box 170

CITY, TOWN

Berlin

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21811

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Worcester County Courthouse

Liber #: FWH 597

Folio #: 715

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Snow Hill

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Treasure Chest significantly contributes to the essential character of the Berlin Commercial District. Retaining its original design integrity, it exhibits the particular scale, material type and decorative motif common to the district. It is one of the few buildings in the district to remain in its original or near original condition.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Site 164 on survey map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth T. Pribanic, Consultant

August 1979

ORGANIZATION

Mayor and Council

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Williams Street

TELEPHONE

301-641-2770

CITY OR TOWN

Berlin

STATE

MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

- 10-1-77 FWH 597/715 conveyed to William H. & Martha R. Freeman from Ralph H. & Bessie H. Davis
- 1-7-65 FWH 183/574 conveyed to Ralph H. Davis from Thomas B. McCabe, Elizabeth W. Kindregon, & Billie Whaley Brittingham, trustees of Whaley Cemetery.
- 9-9-1897 FHP 9/602 conveyed to Lizzie Whaley Keas from Calvin B. Taylor in dispute between Mary M. Gibbs, complainant & Issac W. Burbage, Laura A. Bailey, Deborah Massey, & others, defendants.



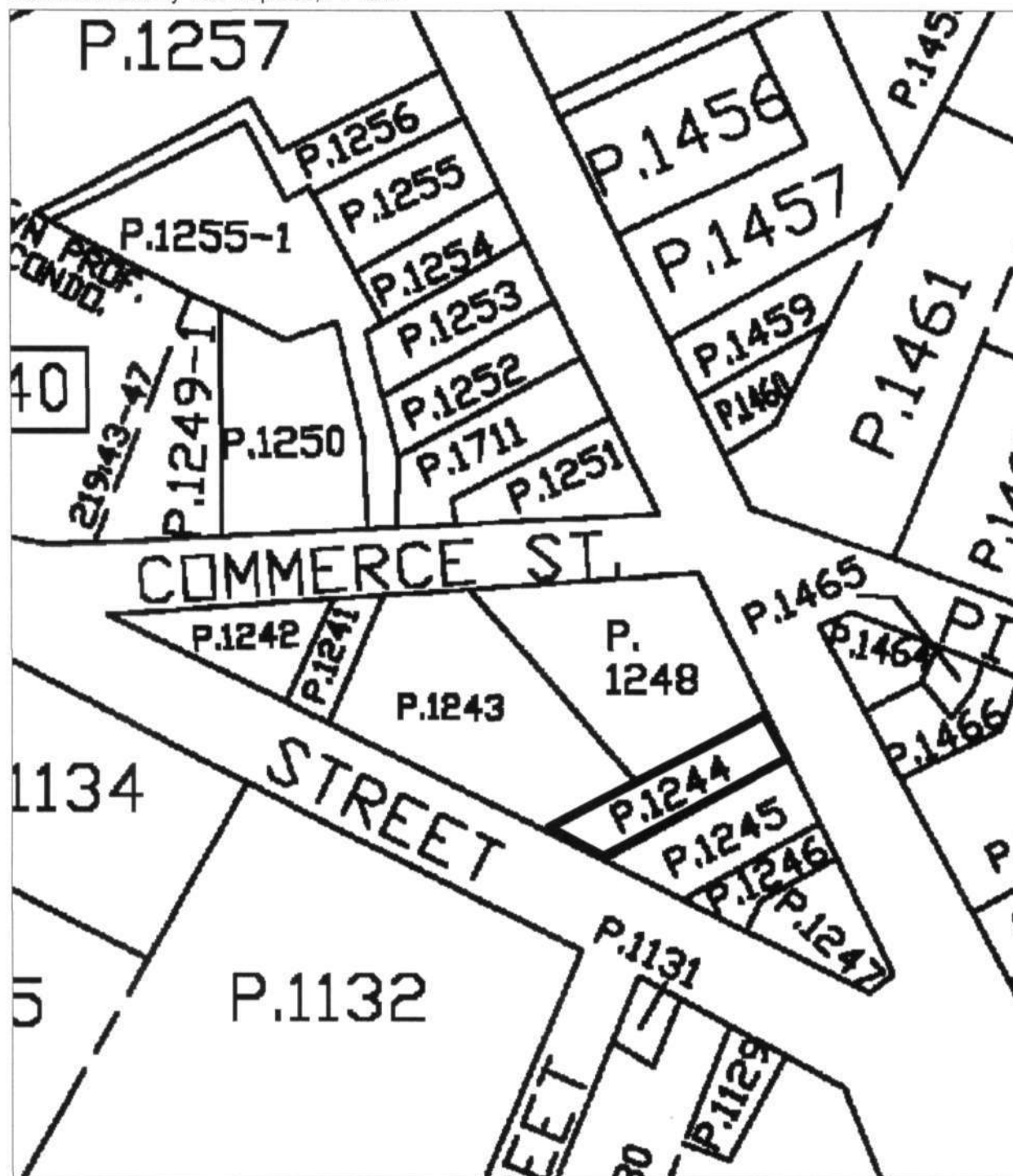
BERLIN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WO # 164

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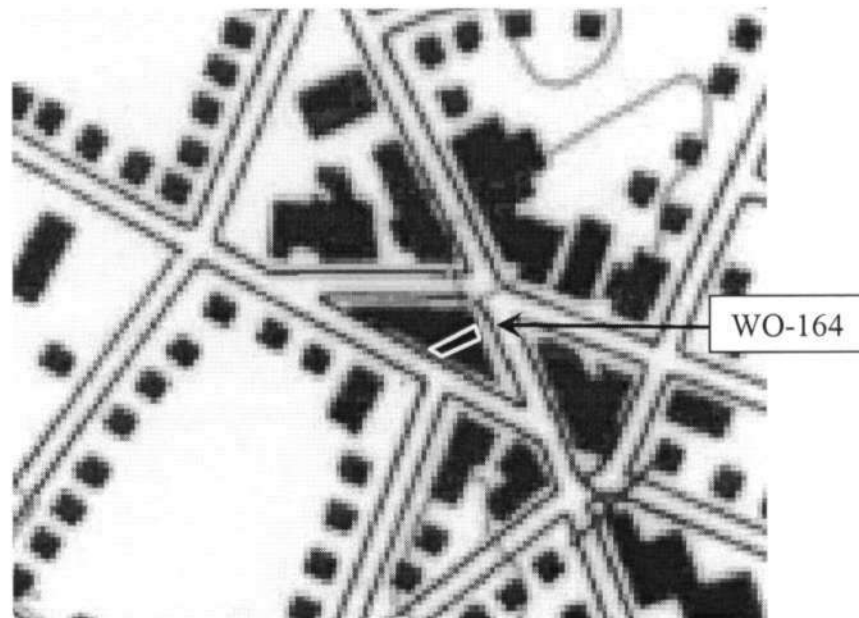
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Treasure Chest  
20 N. Main Street (MD 818), Berlin  
Worcester County Tax Map 300, P. 1244





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20 N. Main St.  
Berlin  
Berlin Quad.  
Worcester County





Treasure Chest - rear  
facade  
Berlin Commercial Dist.  
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Looking NE  
Photo 52, Bldg 37  
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Treasure Chest - Cornice  
detail

Berlin Commercial Dist.

Berlin, MD

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Looking NW

Photo 51, Bldg 37

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